in Rajya Sabha elections). The Election and Other Related Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2002 introduced in Lok Sabha on 19.03.2002 provides for *inter alia* funding of elections to the political parties (for checking corruption and money power in elections). The Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2002 which seeks to implement the consensus arrived at in the all parties meetings held on 08.07.2002 and 02.08.2002 on certain aspects of criminalisation of politics, was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 25.11.2002 (again for checking criminalisation of politics). The Representation of the People (Second Amendment) Bill, 2002, is also proposed to be introduced in the current session, which seeks to rationalize sub-sections (1), (2) and (3) of section 8 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (for providing enhanced period of disqualification in cases of imprisonment).

(b) to (d) The Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2002 mentioned above also provides for declaration of assets and liabilities by the legislators (elected candidates) before the presiding officers of their concerned Houses. However, Ministry of Home Affairs has informed that there is no other proposal under consideration of that Ministry to formulate a Code of Conduct for the legislators.

Cases of Nationalised Banks in Lok Adalats

†1308. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Lok Adalats in Delhi are hearing the cases of loans pertaining to nationalized banks;

(b) whether the Lok Adalats can force one of the parties to obey its order;

(c) whether these Lok Adalats have the right to order action against a party in above cases under the criminal law; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under Section 21 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 (No. 39 of 1987), award made by a Lok Adalat is deemed to be a decree of a Civil Court and the award is final and binding on all the parties.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) does not arise.

Recommendations of the Sixteenth Law Commission

1309. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sixteenth Law Commission constituted in September, 2000 has so far submitted six reports on some important issues of common interest to the citizens, but these have not been made public; and

(b) if so, details of the major recommendations of the Commission and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon and/ or the present status of their consideration?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHY): (a) and (b) The Sixteenth Law Commission constituted with effect from 1st September, 2000 has so far submitted nine Reports. A list of these Reports is enclosed as statement (*See* below). Eight Reports out of them, *i.e.*, Reports Nos. 175th to 182nd have already been laid in the Parliament. The 183rd Report has been received only on 11.11.2002 and it will be laid in the Parliament after its translation into Hindi.

List of reports submitted by sixteenth Law Commission,

1.	175th	The Foreigners (Amendment) Bill, 2000
2.	176th	The Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment), Bill, 2001
3.	177th	Law Relating to Arrest
4.	178th	Recommendations for Amending Various Enactment, both Civil and Criminal
5.	179th	Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers
6.	180th	Article 20(3) of the Constitution of India and Right to Silence
7.	181st	Amendment to Section 106 of the Transfer of Property Act, 1882
8.	182nd	Amendment to Section 6 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894.